Distribution of Funds to States out of Resources generated through small savings

1659. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to be state:

(a) whether during the last three years there is a change in the pattern of distribution of funds to various States out of State's efforts to generate additional resources through small savings and other schemes in such connection;

(b) what was the original pattern and what was the change carried out in the last few year; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the position to help the States to generate more resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c). There was a change in the investment pattern of Employees Provident Funds. The States share in net small savings collections was, however, increased from 2/3rd to 3/4th with effect from 1-4-87. Government of India have also introduced new small savings schemes, namely, Indira Vikas Patra, National Savings Scheme, Post Office Monthly Income Account Scheme and Kisan Vikas Patra to improve small savings collections and thereby augment resources of States.

Indian Industrialists Team's visit to the United States

1660. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Indian industrialists recently visited the United States to explore the possibilities of increasing trade between the two countries; and

(b) if so, to what extent the visit has helped in increasing the trade between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) Government have not deputed recently any team of Indian industrialists to USA to explore the possibilities of increasing trade between the two countries.

(b) Does not arise.

Show cause notice served on certain companies for evasion of Central Excise duty

1661. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether show-cause notices have been served by the collectorate of Central Excise on Dunlop India Ltd. Phillips Carbon Black Ltd., and Oriental Carbon Ltd. for alleged evasion of central excise duty;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any such notices were issued to TISCO, ITC Ltd. and NTC Ltd. in the past and any recovery was made from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The details are as under:—

Name of Companies	Date of Show Cause Notice	Amount of evasion involved (in Rs.)
Dunlop India., Ltd., Hooglhly, West Bengal	1-7-1988	1.72 crore.
Phillips Carbon Black Ltd., Durgapur, West Bengal	3-6-1987 7-6-1988 27-7-1988	19.89 lakhs
Oriental Carbon & Chem. Ltd., Ghaziabad	3-5-1988	33.12 lakhs

(c) Yes, Sir. A number of notices have been issued in the past to M|s. TISCO,